

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2163**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Browne, et al. Confirmation No.: 8880
Serial No.: 10/749,879 Group Art Unit: 2163
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Title: SYSTEM AND PROGRAM STORAGE DEVICE FOR
MANAGING DATA ACCESS REQUESTS UTILIZING
STORAGE META DATA PROCESSING (As Amended)

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Response to Final Office Action

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the final Office Action mailed December 19, 2007, in connection with the above-designated U.S. patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the Remarks below.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.